

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween; and

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side;

wherein a gap is provided on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

a supporting frame arranged at a position away from the liquid crystal layer of the second substrate, the supporting frame supporting a periphery of the second substrate;

wherein the supporting frame includes an opening arranged at a position corresponding to an interior region of the second substrate and wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

an illumination device arranged at a position away from the input unit of the liquid crystal panel;

wherein the illumination device includes:

a base portion opposite the liquid crystal panel; and

a supporting portion extending from the base portion and supporting at least part of a periphery of the second substrate, the supporting portion forming a gap between the second substrate and the base portion of the illumination device; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

6. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device according to claim 5, wherein the base portion and the supporting portion are integral.

7. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device according to claim 5, wherein the base portion and the supporting portion are discrete.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side;

an illumination device arranged at a position away from the input unit of the liquid crystal panel; and

a supporting section arranged between the illumination device and the second substrate;

wherein the supporting section is arranged at a position corresponding to a region for forming the sealant; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

an illumination device arranged between the input unit and the first substrate;

wherein a gap is provided on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

12. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device according to claim 11, wherein the illumination device comprises a light guide plate arranged between the input unit and the first substrate.

13. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device according to claim 12, wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than that of a composite of the light guide plate and the first substrate.

14. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device according to claim 11, wherein the first substrate has flexibility.

15. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;
an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and
a casing supporting the input unit and the liquid crystal panel;
wherein a frame section of the casing supports the second substrate with a gap on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer and wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

16. (Original) A liquid crystal device according to claim 15, wherein the liquid crystal panel comprises a sealant for enclosing the liquid crystal layer provided between the first substrate and the second substrate, and the casing supports the second substrate at a position corresponding to a region for forming the sealant.

17. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device according to claim 15, wherein the frame section is located between the second substrate and an illumination device to form the gap.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) An electronic equipment comprising a liquid crystal device according to claim 15.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;
an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and
a supporting section arranged at a position away from the liquid crystal layer of the second substrate;
wherein the supporting section is arranged at a position corresponding to a region for forming the sealant; and
wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

22. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

an illumination device arranged at a position away from the input unit of the liquid crystal panel;

wherein a gap is provided between the second substrate and the illumination device; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

23. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

a casing for supporting the input unit and the liquid crystal panel;

wherein the second substrate is supported by the casing and a gap is provided on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.